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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 11, 2003 (for which petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time), reconsideration is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

Enclosed herewith are certified copies of the two Swedish priority documents for the instant application. Both are in English. Given the priority date of the instant application evidenced by these priority documents, all rejections based on Kobayashi must be withdrawn.

IN THE CLAIMS

While no claims have been amended herein, claim 33 is set forth below in *unamended* form for the convenience of the Examiner.